



Franklin Parks & Recreation

## **Park Board**

Cultural Arts & Recreation Center Conference Room

**Thursday, June 16, 2016**

### **4:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting**

Park Board present: Pam Ault, Debbie Gill, Dr. John Shafer

Staff present: Chip Orner - Director, Rocky Stultz – Assistant Director, Tena Stahlhut – Business Services Director

Guests present: John Wales

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Vice President, Dr. John Shafer at 4:07 pm.

2. **Announcements & Presentations**

Request to place statue on park property – John Wales

Mr. Wales brought the Blake Dickus Monument Proposal before the Board for their consideration. After a lengthy discussion the Board decided to not accept the proposal to place the statue on park property. Motion was made by Pam Ault and seconded by Debbie Gill to not accept the Blake Dickus statue to be placed on Parks property. The Board unanimously approved. They did however recommend that Mr. Wales contact Needham Elementary about placing the statue inside the school behind a protective barrier or perhaps the Franklin Arts Garden which already houses outdoor art sculptures.

3. **Consent Agenda**

a. Approval of meeting minutes from May 19, 2016

Motion made by Pam Ault and seconded by Debbie Gill to approve the May 19, 2016 minutes. The Board unanimously approved.

b. Approval of June Claims

Motion made by Debbie Gill and seconded by Pam Ault to approve the claims. The Board unanimously approved.

c. Approval of Human Resources Report

Chip presented the Board with the monthly human resources report.

Motion was made by Debbie Gill and seconded by Pam Ault to accept the report.

4. **Old Business**

None

5. **New Business**

a. Wayne Street Improvements/Pocket Park

Chip informed the Board he had been approached to possibly gift the Bemis Group with the Wayne Street Pocket Park property. They will be renovating properties to include an event center, shopping space and high end condos. After a discussion a motion was made by Debbie Gill and seconded by Dr. John Shafer to gift the Wayne Street Pocket

Park property to the Bemis Group with the understanding there will be no access road from the center down into Province Park and the Bemis Group will allow annual use of the event center facility by the Parks Department at no charge for one event. The Board unanimously approved.

b. Community Event Stage Policies & Fees

Chip presented the Board with the "Application for Rental of Mobile Stage" including the Mobile Stage Rental Policy, price list and other pertinent information. He asked members to review the information and be ready to discuss at the July 21, 2016 Park Board meeting.

6. **Staff Reports**

a. Deferred Maintenance Projects update

- The Blue Heron Shelter House concrete floor should be poured next week.
- The entire Greenway Trail system has been seal coated.
- The areas of the Morgan Park trail that had been damaged by tree roots have been repaired and seal coated.
- 63 damaged trees have been removed as well as 60+ more have been identified and many have also been removed. Approximately 20 trees still need removal.
- Cox Tree Service will be removing 13 to 15 damaged trees at Scott Park.
- The Sunset Shelter renovation has been completed.
- The Aquatic Center Chemical room doors have been replaced.
- Five more new vehicles for the Parks Department are expected within the next two weeks.

b. Family Aquatic Center update

We are on pace to surpass the 2015 revenue numbers at the Franklin Aquatic Center.

c. Firecracker Festival update

The set up for the festival will be 12:00 noon on Sunday, July 3, 2016 at the Masonic Home. The festivities will be from 6:00 pm until after fireworks at 10:10 pm

d. 2017 Budget process update

Chip will be meeting with Mayor McGuinness on July 11, 2016 to discuss the Parks 2017 budget.

7. **Park Board Comments**

None

8. **Public Comments**

Assistant Director Rocky Stultz reported that Eagle Scout Candidate Nicholas Wallace met with him to request an Eagle Scout Project of building a LifeTrail Wellness System unit in the Franklin Parks system. The Board gave Rocky permission to contact Nicholas with approval to begin his fund raising efforts. More discussion will be necessary to determine all the parameters and scope of the entire project.

9. **Adjournment**

Motion was made by Dr. John Shafer and seconded by Debbie Gill to adjourn the meeting. The Board unanimously approved.

**Next Board meeting: Tuesday, July 21, 2016 4:00 pm**